

REMARKS

Claims 2-21 are pending in the application. Claims 3-21 are allowed. Claim 2 has been rejected.

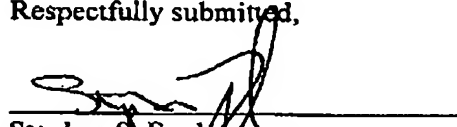
Claim Rejections

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Murakami. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claim 2. However, to further prosecution of the application, applicant has canceled claim 2.

CONCLUSION

The application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the application be allowed and passed to issue promptly. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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